

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended to its representative during the interview conducted on August 6, 2008. During the interview, Applicant's representative pointed out that the claims as examined did not seem to match the claims as amended under article 34. The Examiner agreed that the claims were examined without consideration of the article 34 amendments and suggested that the Applicant respond by filing a request for reconsideration. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the outstanding office action and issue a new office action taking into account the amendments made to the claims under article 34.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Applicant will address this matter when responding to the next office action.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-14 and 16-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Arnold et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,440,723). This rejection is respectfully traversed. The claims were amended under article 34 but the amendments were not considered during examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection so the amendments under article 34 can be considered.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arnold et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,440,723) in view of Hill (U.S. Pat. No. 5,598,531). This rejection is respectfully traversed. The claims were amended under article 34 but the amendments were not considered during examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection so the amendments under article 34 can be considered.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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